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**ELECTRONIC ANIMAL DISPOSITION REPORTING SYSTEM (eADRS) AND
INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
(NASS)**

This notice explains how NASS receives data from eADRS and provides inspection program personnel with procedures to ensure that NASS does not receive duplicate or conflicting data. It also informs inspection program personnel that NASS may contact them with questions about the data, and explains when and who can make the changes in eADRS.

NASS uses daily reports from all FSIS establishments to compile a report of aggregated totals and to validate livestock production and disposition estimates. The report is provided weekly to the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS). Based on this data, AMS releases the "Livestock, Meat, and Wool Weekly Summary," and the "Daily Estimated Slaughter of Broiler/Fryers," among other reports. These reports are used by various groups and provide the best available information to Congress and to the public on the number of animals and birds commercially slaughtered.

FSIS has issued [FSIS Notice 11-04](#), Electronic Animal Disposition Reporting System (eADRS) and FSIS [Notice 35-04](#), Documentation of Humane Handling Activities. Before FSIS developed the eADRS software application, NASS used data that inspection program personnel provided on NASS Form LS-149. The data that NASS uses now is obtained from eADRS.

Target users of the eADRS application are inspection program personnel at all official Federal establishments, including Talmadge-Aiken establishments that slaughter meat and poultry. The following methodology will help prevent database inconsistencies:

1. Because the eADRS data is collected and reported on a per-shift basis, if there are two shifts, there are two sets of numbers to be reported. The Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian (SPHV) on each shift, whether the permanently assigned SPHV or a relief SPHV, is accountable for the accurate entry of data into eADRS.

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This obligation applies whether the data entry is conducted by inspection program personnel under his or her supervision or personally by the SPHV.

2. The SPHV (or GS-9 Inspector-in-Charge (IIC)) is to use the validation process to compare the values for the common components of eADRS and of the Performance Based Inspection System (PBIS) to identify inconsistencies. It is strongly recommended that data validation be performed weekly.

3. On a weekly basis, the District Veterinary Medical Specialist (DVMS) is to verify that district wide data are being properly entered into eADRS.

On occasion, it may be necessary for NASS to contact the DVMS to inquire about such information as reports with data missing, a missing report, or data that raise questions. If necessary, the DVMS will contact the SPHV (or IIC) at each establishment to ensure that such data are verified or updated and are entered into the eADRS application as soon as possible, and that the updated values are provided to the DVMS. Inspection program personnel can not update values in eADRS more than 30 days after the date of production. If, for any reason, updates are needed more than 30 days following production (e.g., corrections received 35 days after product was produced), the IIC is to send the updates to the DVMS. The DVMS can then update or edit the values in eADRS until 45 days after the end of the fiscal year. Once fiscal year data is reported, the eADRS database will be locked, and no further changes can be made.

As the eADRS application software is updated and improved, inspection program personnel will be informed of available software updates via e-mail.

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